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ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY DESERVES FEDERAL RECOGNITION

OTTAWA - The plight of countless Canadians suffering from environmental sensitivity deserves the immediate attention of the federal government, said Sheila Copps today.

Environmental sensitivity has often been referred to as Sick Building Syndrome, Total Allergy Syndrome, and 20th Century Disease.

The environmentally sensitive suffer reactions to chemicals and compounds in the environment. New federal construction should reflect an awareness of Sick Building Syndrome and federal departments, including National Health and Welfare, should be researching the prevention and cure of this crippling disease.

"Regardless of the title given the condition," said Copps, "I hope it will not take until the 21st Century before this disease is eliminated."

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